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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- TIME MAGAZINE'S JUNE 6 STORY ON CARTER SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME GENERATED BOTH PRIVATE AND PRESS DISCUSSION IN THAT STORY IMPLIED PRESIDENT SPECIFICALLY NAMED CHIANG KAI-SHEK ALONG WITH SALAZAR AND FRANCO AS EXAMPLES OF "TOTALITARIAN REGIMES." TIME STORY LED ELDER STATESMAN AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR WANG YUN-WU TO WRITE LONG LETTER TO UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) TO "REFUTE" THE "BLASPHEMY." FULL LETTER ALSO CARRIED NEXT DAY, JUNE 17, IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000). LETTER ALSO CHASTISED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR PRAISING CHINESE COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE "DESTROYED HUMAN RIGHTS" ON MAINLAND AND FOR CALLING ROC "DICTATORSHIP" "TO COVER UNDER NAME OF HONORING HUMAN RIGHTS HIS VIOLATION OF TREATY COMMITMENT AND BETRAYAL OF OUR COUNTRY..." EVEN BEFORE USIS CALLED UNITED DAILY NEWS

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AND CHINA POST'S ATTENTION TO CORRECT TEXT OF SPEECH (PUBLISHED EARLIER BY USIS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH) UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED "LETTER TO EDITOR" POINTING OUT SPEECH TEXT DID NOT MENTION CHIANG AS TIME IMPLIED. UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORS PERSONALLY TOLD US THEY CHOSE "LETTER" FORM TO AVOID DIRECT CORRECTION OF RESPECTED ELDER STATESMAN. JUNE 18 CHINA POST, AT OWN INITIATIVE CARRIED LONG EDITORIAL

NOTING PASSAGE "NOT FOUND IN USIS' OFFICIAL RELEASE OF TEXT."
CHINA POST NOTED TIME "REPORT IS QUITE MISLEADING" AND "ALSO
SHOWS INSIDIOUS INFLUENCE OF CHINESE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN
U.S...." EDITORIAL GOES ON TO ALLEGE COMMUNISTS ARE
INCREASING "SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST ROC" AND THAT "RECENT
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ALLIED NATIONS
OF U.S. SPREAD TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM CHARGES OF HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN COMMUNIST REGIMES." WANG LETTER
OBVIOUSLY WAS WIDE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION AND INSPIRED
THREE APOLOGETIC TELEPHONE CALLS BY ROC LEADERS/EDUCATORS
TO USIS NOTING FACTUAL ERROR.

IN ARGUING ROC CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WANG ALSO WROTE
DEFENSE OF MILITARY TRIALS, SAYING HE PERSONALLY KNEW
TWO PERSONS SUSPECTED OF TREASON WHO IMPRISONED AND LATER
RELEASED. HE THEN MENTIONED YEARS AGO "A THIRD SUSPECT,
MR. PENG, WENT AFTER HIS CONDITIONAL RELEASE TO THE U.S.
WITH THE AID OF THE AMERICANS." NEITHER WANG NOR ANYONE
ELSE HAS PUBLICLY MENTIONED ANY OTHERS PAROLED INTO U.S.

AS NOTED IN WANG LETTER, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHARGES OF
U.S. "DOUBLE STANDARD" ON RIGHTS, REMAIN MEDIA THEME.
PREMIER CHIANG JUNE 17 QUOTED AS TELLING SPEECH AUDIENCE
THAT ONE OF PRESENT TASKS IS "FULLY IMPLEMENT CONSTITUTION,
TO PRESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS..." MINISTER OF JUSTICE, JUNE 18,
REPORTED AS TELLING ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE HE HAS ORDERED
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PROCURATORS AND POLICE TO IMPROVE METHODS OF HANDLING CASES --
ESPECIALLY DETAINMENTS AND USE OF EVIDENCE -- IN ORDER "TO
RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS." UNITED DAILY NEWS JUNE 18 EDITORIAL
ARGUED: "...TO RECOGNIZE A COMMUNIST REGIME IS TO RECOGNIZE
THE LEGALITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF THAT REGIME AND IS TANTAMOUNT
TO U.S. TOLERATION OF THEIR RUINING HUMAN RIGHTS."
PETITION TO WHITE HOUSE BY CHINESE-AMERICAN SCHOLARS TO
INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAINLAND GIVEN EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE, AS WERE SIMILAR STATEMENTS MADE DURING RECENT
WASHINGTON D.C. CONFERENCE ON MAINLAND CHINA.

OTHER MAIN THEME CONTINUES TO BE SPECULATION ON
CARTER ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS RE CHINA POLICY AND
GENERAL FEELING THAT NO "DRAMATIC" CHANGE IN SIGHT.
CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT REPORTED PROF. SCALAPINO (DUE HERE THIS
MONTH) SAID NORMALIZATION "COULD NOT BE SETTLED IN HIS
LIFETIME" BECAUSE PRC REFUSED INDICATE ITS INTENTIONS
VIS A VIS TAIWAN. PROF. RALPH CLOUGH AND TED SZULC (IN
FOREIGN POLICY) ALSO QUOTED TO EFFECT U.S.-ROC RELATIONS
WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. ALL PAPERS CARRIED JUNE 22 CNA
REPORT OF HODDING CARTER REPLY TO CHEN HO-MEI THAT NO

DECISION YET MADE ON PACE AND MODALITIES. GENERALLY,
MEDIA CREDIT THIS STASIS TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN PUBLIC
OPINION. OTHERS CITED TO SAME EFFECT INCLUDE SENATOR DOLE,
PAUL KREISBERG. ALL PAPERS EMPHASIZED JUNE 19-20 STORY
THAT KREISBERG TOLD CLOSED STATE DEPARTMENT SEMINAR HE
"DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT" IN NORMALIZATION
AND THAT "AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION IS THE MAIN INHIBITING
FACTOR." UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
COMET SHIH IN JUNE 22 DISPATCH REPORTED "DISPUTE" AMONG
STATE, DEFENSE AND CIA IN DISCUSSIONS HOW U.S. SHOULD
ADJUST ITS RELATIONS WITH ROC.

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-- MEDIA TODAY WIDELY REPOTED ANNOUNCE WBWMOF DATES
VANCE VISIT TO PEKING.

-- CHINA TIMES JUNE 22 CARRIED INTERESTING COMMENTARY
FROM U.S. BY NYSU PROFESSOR TAO LUNG-SHEN SUGGESTING U.S.
NOW TRYING AVOID JAPANESE AND GERMAN "FORMULAS" ON PRC-ROC
PROBLEM AND FIND MIDDLE-ROAD "TRANSITION MODEL" WHEREBY U.S.
WOULD COMINUE RELATIONS WITH ROC, SEEK MORE CULTURAL AND
TRADE TIES WITH PRC AND HOPE "SOMEDAY AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION"
MIGHT BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN PEKING AND TAIPEI.

-- MEDIA EXTENSIVELY REPORTED SENATE VOTE OF NON-SUPPORT
ADMINISTRATION TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK, MANY PAPERS
SEEING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS AND POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL
REACTION TO NORMALIZATION MOVES.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) RECENTLY CARRIED
SEVERAL EDITORIALS URGING ROC INTENSIFY INFORMATION PROGRAM

TOWARDS AMERICANS: "OUR BEST HOPE IS TO MAKE UNITED STATES AWARE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN TRYING TO EMBRACE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WHILE CONTINUING TO HOLD PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA OVER TAIWAN... IT IS UP TO ROC TO SPEAK OUT FRANKLY AND AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. ONE OF WAYS TO DO THIS IS THROUGH OUR OWN INFORMATION PROGRAMS, WHICH NEED TO BE ENLARGED, UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPROVED AND MADE MORE REALISTIC." (JUNE 20). JUNE 21 EDITORIAL NOTED SUMMER IS "IDEAL TIME TO SEND SOME OF OUR ACADEMICIANS ON TOURS OF U.S., SPEAKING TO SUMMER SESSIONS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND TO SERVICE CLUBS. EACH LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND BROADCASTING STATION IN U.S. IS INTERESTED IN INTERVIEWING VISITORS... A FEW STUDENT TOURING GROUPS COULD BE ORGANIZED." SUGGESTS GOVERNMENT NEEDS AGENCY TO PLAN AND ASSIST VISITS BY NEWSMEN AND OTHERS TO U.S.

-- SEPARATE EDITORIAL SAME PAPER REPORTS AMERICA DEVELOPING NEW "EUROPE FIRST AND LET ASIA DEFEND ITSELF" FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT AMERICAN PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OR PARTICIPATION.

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